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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 2368

BRUSSELS AND LAGOS FOR FAA

E.O. 11652: XGDS 3 (DECLAS DATE IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE)

TAGS: EAIR, LI, US

SUBJ: CIVAIR: CRASH OF MESURADO FISH CESSNA 401A

REF: MONROVIA 2348 AND MONROVIA 2316

1. AMERICAN CITIZEN ED LLOYD, CHIEF OF LIBERIAN EXECUTIVE AIR WING, HAS BEEN ASKED BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S CHIEF OF SECURITY TO MAKE PERSONAL INVESTIGATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING CRASH OF CESSNA 401A CARRYING PRESIDENT'S BROTHER, FINANCE MINISTER STEPHEN A. TOLBERT. LLOYD HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT, THOUGH HE HAS LITTLE EXPERIENCE WITH DAMAGE EFFECTS TO SMALL PLANES CRASHING AT SEA, THERE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH IN HIS EYES APPEAR SUSPICIOUS. HE REPORTED TO EMBASSY THAT BOTH UPPER ENGINE COWLINGS AND BOTH BAGGAGE DOORS FROM AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS HANDBAG CARRIED ABOARD WERE FOUND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY ON THE BEACH WITHIN HOURS OF CRASH. AIRCRAFT, AS REPORTED REFTELS, CRASHED OFFSHORE. LLOYD QUESTIONS WHETHER AIRCRAFT PARTS COULD HAVE FLOATED ASHORE OR BEEN CARRIED BY WAVE ACTION IN SUCH SHORT TIME.

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2. LLOYD REQUESTS THAT FAA INVESTIGATOR BE SENT TO LIBERIA

TO ASSIST IN INVESTIGATION. ALSO REQUESTS THAT INVESTIGATOR
HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH SMALL AIRCRAFT CRASHES AT SEA. EMBASSY
STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS RECOMMENDATION.

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